

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: LWIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES—  
JANUARY 10, 2003

The minutes and revised agenda from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, January 10, 2003, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact James Scholl at (916) 657-4610.

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Attachments

# LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY CONFERENCE CALL

**Friday, January 10, 2003**

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## Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Hot Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organizational Structure Request</li><li>• Workforce Development Initiative</li><li>• Legislative Update</li><li>• America's Service Locator Marketing</li></ul>	Bill Burke, Workforce Development Branch (WDB)
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### **Welcome/Hot Topics**—Bill Burke, Workforce Development Branch (WDB).

- **Organization Structure Request**—The WDB Organization Chart is being finalized and will be sent to the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Administrators shortly. Bob Hermsmeier has been officially appointed as Chief of the Workforce Investment Division within WDB, which will be reflected on the organization chart.
- **Workforce Development Initiative**—The Employment Development Department (EDD) is now in discussion with the Labor Agency and the Governor's Office regarding modifications or additions to the Nurses Workforce Initiative and Tech-to-Teachers Initiative. There was also an announcement regarding Biotech training. The EDD anticipates additional information will soon be available from the Governor's office on these statewide efforts.
- **Legislative Update**—Two continuing resolutions were passed through Congress. Both resolutions were approved by the Senate and the House and allow for the continuation of the federal funding.
  - a) **Unemployment Benefits**—Temporary extended unemployment benefits have been passed by Congress and signed by the President. There is an extension of eight months that will be retroactive from December 28, 2002.
  - b) **Reemployment Accounts**—The EDD has provided the Governor's Office with requested information regarding reemployment accounts, recently proposed by the Bush Administration.
- **America's Service Locator (ASL) Marketing**—A statewide advertising campaign announcing America's Service Locator and Toll-Free Help Line began on January 6 and will run through March 17, 2003. For more detailed information about the campaign, please see Information Bulletin [WIAB02-50](#) located on the EDD web site. A link attached to the information bulletin provides the location of radio spots advertising the ASL. The advertisement covers English and Spanish newspapers as well as English, Spanish and Vietnamese radio stations.

**California Workforce Investment Board Report**—David Militzer, State Board. The State Board has an interagency agreement with the Community Colleges as well as the Department of Education. The Community Colleges are putting out a Request for Application (RFA) on Economic and Workforce Development Program regarding industry-driven regional collaboratives and economic development incentive funds. The contact person at the Community College Chancellor's Office in Sacramento is

Kay Ferrier, Dean of Economic and Workforce Development. The deadline for the application is April 8, 2003.

The State Board's local area workgroup meeting on January 10 included a discussion of five waiver requests generated through the California Workforce Association (CWA), including the pluses and minuses regarding potential waivers. The Board staff is following up with other states that have been granted similar waivers and will share this information with our local area workgroup members and EDD.

The State Board is coordinating information and analysis on the Workforce Investment Act reauthorization, including potential "talking points", and will be adding information from a number of sources to the State Board's web site. The Board will continue working with CWA as well as EDD and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency in this effort. The Board has contacted the State Boards from the seven largest states, sharing our analysis on reauthorization.

The State Youth Council will meet in Sacramento on January 29. The second annual State Board retreat/seminar will be held at UCLA February 9-10, 2003. At the retreat, the State Board strategic plan will be reviewed and revised for 2003.

Currently, the State Board has a budget of \$1 million for the incentive awards. A Governor's Action Requested has been submitted to the Labor Agency requesting an additional \$1 million. The Board's current policy indicates that 70 percent of the incentive money will go to the regional local collaborations and 30 percent to incentive awards. The Board is considering making some adjustments to that policy to put more money into incentives awards.

The One-Stop certification workgroup is focusing on "Tier Two" level of certification, which concentrates on quality standards and continuous improvement in One-Stops.

At the December 12, 2002, Board meeting, the Board passed a policy to redesignate and recertify local workforce investment boards. Letters were sent to the few areas that had conditional redesignations and recertifications.

**Status of Funding**—Bob Hermsmeier, Workforce Investment Division (WID).

- Rapid Response—The EDD will put out funding for the second set of bridge funding and is developing a third set of bridge funding for this fiscal year.

**National Emergency Grants (NEG)**—Steve Saxton, WID. The EDD is exploring the possibilities of developing three NEG proposals in the areas of transportation, technology, and the public sector. The EDD has begun discussions with Northern and Southern California representatives in the transportation arena and technology sectors. The EDD has not yet started the process for the public sector NEG project.

**Common Performance Measures**—Dave Mar, State Board; Ann Giagni, Los Angeles City; and Liz Clingman, WID.

- The Department of Labor (DOL) held a meeting in Washington D.C. to address common performance measures covering a number of federal job training programs.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has asked DOL to initiate these discussions. A conference call was held on January 15 to clarify questions regarding performance measures, with a follow-up meeting scheduled for February 12-13, 2003.

- Representatives from the State Board, CWA, and WID will meet with Ann Giagni to discuss key issues surrounding performance measures. Ms. Giagni will then share these issues at the February 12-13 DOL meeting.

**Performance Negotiations**—Liz Clingman, WID. The deadline for renegotiating Program Year (PY) 2002-2003 performance measures was omitted in the draft directive. The final directive will indicate the deadline as February 14, 2003. Liz Clingman will contact Steve Malliaras to see if DOL is going to issue any additional guidance regarding PY 2003-2004 and PY 2004-2005 performance negotiations. The DOL hasn't put out anything specific for those years at this time.

**Status of Future Quarterly Meetings**—Bill Burke, WDB. Due to the State and local budget situation there is concern about the perception of continuing to have the LWIA Administrators' Quarterly meetings. A brief survey was sent out to the LWIA Administrators which included the following questions: a) Should LWIA meetings be conducted less frequently? If yes, how often should we meet? b) Are there any public facilities in your area that might accommodate our group of 80-100? If yes, is there a fee for the facility? and c) How can we improve the meetings? The results of the survey will be shared at a later date.

**One-Stop Activities**—Michael Evashenk, WID. One-Stop Career Center Database—The One-Stop Career Center database is maintained by the WID. This database is somewhat of a mirror image of what is on America's Service Locator. Information Bulletin [WIAB02-57](#) has been sent out, asking the local areas to provide the most current and complete information about their One-Stops. This information will be used to get a high level snapshot of how many One-Stops there are, including the kind of services they offer, and the partners who are involved. Because EDD receives many questions from both the Governor's Office and the legislature, this is another resource to show how well the system is meeting the needs of California's jobseekers and employers.